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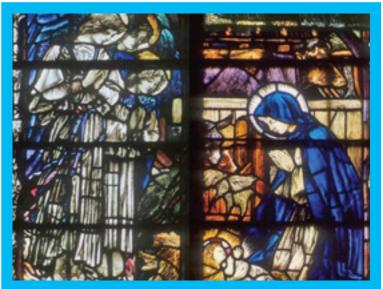


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SING FOR THE CATHEDRAL

It's become one of the highlights of the festive season and now details have been released of this year's Save Canterbury Cathedral Christmas Concert.

Taking place on December 13, it will showcase an evening of music including Corelli's Christmas Concerto and Charpentier's Midnight Mass for Christmas.

All tickets for the evening are £10, and the performance will start at 7.30pm. Doors open at 6.45pm. Tickets are available by calling 01227 464764 or email fundraisingcampaign@canterbury-cathedral.org.

BY **GARETH ARNOLD**

CITY chiefs say they are confident of recouping all £6 million of taxpayers' money feared lost after the collapse of the Icelandic banks in which it had been invested.

The council was rocked after the global financial crisis sent the Heritable and Glitnir banks in Iceland crashing – and fears the money could be lost.

But council officials say they expect the UK government will guarantee the investments and see the money return to the city's coffers. And they have vowed the loss will result in

And they have vowed the loss will result in no cuts in services – a similar pledge to that made by Kent County Council which had £50m sunk into Icelandic accounts.

Last week Glitnir, which had £2m of our district's cash, was taken over by the Icelandic government and Heritable, which is Icelandic owned but UK domiciled, has gone into receivership. That had £4m of our money.

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The investments followed financial advice from the Local Government Association which had urged councils to spread money about in accounts worldwide. Icelandic banks were particularly attractive due to their high interest rates.

In both cases the money has been frozen, but council bosses say they are confident the British government will intervene to get the cash back.

Chief executive Colin Carmichael said: "Councils find themselves in this position through no fault of their own, and they have not undertaken reckless investments.

"They have followed government guidance in investments, so we are making a strong

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Credit crunch delays closure of Marlowe by two months

BY GARETH ARNOLD

THE Marlowe redevelopment project will be delayed by two months to allow theatre bosses to secure "the best contractor for the best

The existing theatre was due to face the final curtain at the end of the year with a massive production

of pantomime Snow White.

But with the economic downturn causing construction work to dry up, building companies are expected to offer cheaper tenders.

Marlowe director Mark Everett said: "This two month space will allow us time to find the best deal around. We want to find absolutely the best construction firm we can to build the new theatre, and for the right price."

The two month delay will leave time for several other productions before the closure of the theatre on March 22, including God of Carnage starring Richard E Grant.

The final production will be a week-long staging of Brief Encounter, an adaptation of the classic David Lean film by the acclaimed Kneehigh Theatre, which ends its West End run next month.

Mr Everett said the play was a par-ticularly apt end for the old theatre,

given its cinematic heritage.

He said: "The building was built as a cinema for the Odeon company, and was popular through the 30s, 40s and 50s during which period the film was made. It was popular back then, and we are pretty sure it was shown at the Friars Cinema, as it was then.

"So this production will be like say ing goodbye both to the Marlowe and the Friars Cinema."



PANTO: Snow White had been set to be the last show at the old Marlowe Theatre

Details for the very last performance at the old Marlowe Theatre are still being worked out, but it looks to be an all singing all dancing variety show, celebrating the theatre's 25 vear history

The new Marlowe will be complete-ly redesigned with a larger auditorium, seating for 1,200, plus a smaller,

150-seat studio space.
Panto producer Emily Wood, whose production company Evolution is responsible for the Marlowe's famous pantomimes, says the new theatre will allow productions to be

theatre will anow productions to be bigger and better than ever before. She said: "More seats mean more revenue, so we will be able to increase the budget accordingly. It will allow us to use larger and more complex sets, more spectacular effects and get bigger stars."
It is hoped the new Marlowe will

attract the largest touring companies, both musicals and large opera companies such as Glyndebourne

Council confident of a cash thaw

FROM FRONT PAGE argument that we should not be penalised for this.

"We and others have taken the mat-

ter up with the Local Government Association for them to seek guarantees from government, and the chair-man of the LGA has already written to the Chancellor of the Exchequer."

Canterbury council has also written directly to the relevant government departments asking them to clarify what the position is likely to be for local authorities who invested with Icelandic banks.

Guy Voizey, the Liberal Democrat's prospective parliamentary candidate and author of The Treasurers' Guide to Investing Corporate Cash, thinks there are lessons to be learnt by both Canterbury and KCC.

He said: "In the event of a similar

bank failure, councils risk losing tax-payers' money. Our councils' treasury teams need to... learn the lessons

from this situation.

"In particular, which procedures were followed when KCC decided to withdraw cash from Northern Rock and other banks? Were these same procedures followed when analysing the investments with the Icelandic banks?

Mr Voizey criticised the councils' reliance on external treasury advisors who, he claims, failed to highlight the potential danger of Icelandic invest-

However, a spokesman at Dartford council, which had no Icelandic investments, told our sister paper Kent on Sunday its advisors had warned them against investing in its

banks two years ago.

Mr Voizey also questioned the advice given to councils by central government.

He said: "What advice has central government been giving councils on investment policy? If central govern-ment has told councils to make funds work better for them, then this borders on negligence."

Cat charity calls for space to store gifts

CANTERBURY & District Cats Protection are looking to re-home

more than just felines this week.
Supporters have kindly donated a small mountain of items to be sold at

fund-raising events. The trouble is the branch has nowhere to put it. The charity is now urgently seeking free or very economically priced, dry and secure storage for long or shortterm use.

If you can help please contact the branch on 01227 266838 or email canterburycpl@btopenworld.com.



Kicking up a stink over rubbish service

Angry Clive dumps full bin at council HQ

EXCLUSIVE

BY **GARETH ARNOLD**

AFTER eight weeks of dustbin men ignoring his overflowing bin, Clive Foster got wheelie annoyed – and delivered it to the council himself.

On Monday morning the warehouse manager, who lives with his family in Discovery Walk, Canterbury, stuck the bin in a van and drove it straight to the doorstep of the council offices in Military Road.

And what's more you can see the drama unfold on video on our free broadband TV site,

www.yourkenttv.co.uk. He said: "Eight weeks is just ridiculous. It's a health hazard, and it wasn't only getting on my nerves, it was annoying my neighbours, and I had the housing association on my back. I thought 'enough is enough'."

Accompanied by a Yourcanterbury reporter and photographer, Mr Foster presented his stinking bin to council officers, who did their best to explain the lengthy oversight.



EXTREME: A frustrated Clive Foster (black jacket) delivers his smelly eight-week-old rubbish to the council offices

Mr Foster said: "They promised to collect it the first time I phoned, but then nothing happened. So I went in there and they said everything was OK. It was all on the computer and it would be collected next time. But it wasn't.

"So I told them if it wasn't collected again I would take it down to the council offices and let them deal with it."

He is happy the smelly stunt grabbed the council's attention, but would rather the problem had been sorted without having to drag the rubbish to the authority's front door.

He said: "They all came running out. They

must have an alarm button they press when someone turns up outside with a camera. I'm pleased we've got a result, but it's a shame it had to get this far."

A council spokesman said: "We're investigating the issues surrounding Mr Foster's rubbish collections as a matter of urgency so that we can find out what has been going wrong. All his waste has now been taken away so that he can start from scratch with the new wheelie bin we have given him, and we hope to have answers for him about why the problems occurred as soon as possible."

Can our Kris pick up top LA gongs?

ITS a long way from Herne Bay, but singer-songwriter Kris Searle could prove to be the toast of Los Angeles next month.

The former Herne Bay High student has been nominated for two prestigious gongs at the Los Angeles Music Awards.

And you can get a taste of the man and his music via our free, broadband TV website www.vourkentty.co.uk.

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Our reporter Jane Connolly caught up
with Mr Searle earlier this year to talk
about his music and inspiration. You can
find the clip by searching 'kris'.
Mr Searle has been nominated for best

Mr Searle has been nominated for best male vocal performance and his album, Slowly Diabolical, could net its producer, Dino Maddalone, a prize in the Record of the Year (producer) category. The Los Angeles Music Awards was set

The Los Angeles Music Awards was set up 18 years ago to put the spotlight on emerging local talent. Mr Searle now lives in the US city.

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Check out what has got the judges excited by watching and listening to Mr Searle on our website. And don't forget, if you're a local band, to upload your video clips to our site www.yourkenttv.co.uk too



Volleyball rec plans get the thumbs-up

THE beach volleyball courts proposed for Victoria Recreation Ground will go ahead after members voted unanimously in favour of the development on Monday

cevening.

Councillors gave their blessing for the proposal after deciding it was "an improvement to the social well being of the area" despite some local opposition.

Graham Wanstall of the Open

Graham Wanstall of the Open Spaces Society said: "Our society has opposed the development on principle. The field was left for the benefit of all locals to enjoy, not to be hived off to a school sports facility to charge for use."

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The volleyball courts will be run by Canterbury High School, although five local primary schools will also be able to use the facility for free. A pay-and-play scheme will be organised to make the courts available to sports clubs and the general public

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The granting of the proposal has even led to the resurrection of the Canterbury City Volleyball Club.

Land to build the four beach vol-

Land to build the four beach volleyball courts, which already contains two tennis courts, will now be leased to Canterbury High School after a suitable agreement is reached.

Escape from fire prompts calls for sprinkler systems

AN ELDERLY man is lucky to be alive after escaping a blaze in his flat in Littlebourne.

The 72-year-old was taken to hospital suffering from smoke inhalation after the fire in sheltered accommodation in Nargate Street, Littlebourne, during the early hours of Sunday morning

Littlebourne, during the early hours of Sunday morning.

The incident has ignited the debate over the merits of sprinkler systems, with Kent Fire and Rescue Service (KFRS) now calling for urgent talks with Canterbury council about the precautionary measure in the light of this weekend's blaze.

The Safer with Sprinklers cam-

The Safer with Sprinklers campaign is calling for these potentially life-saving devices to be installed in the homes of the most vulnerable people, including the elderly and disabled.

KFRS assistant director of community safety, Steve Griffiths, said: "The resident was extremely lucky in that he managed to get out of his

ground floor flat and our crews did an excellent job containing the blaze when they arrived just seven minutes after the alarm was raised.

"However, because of the man's age and health, it's clear that we could have been dealing with a tragedy

"This fire highlights the importance of sprinkler systems because they raise the alarm and tackle the blaze immediately, increasing a resident's opportunity to escape.

"They also limit the amount of damage caused so that property can be refurbished and returned to normal in a much quicker period. "We are working hard to dispel the

"We are working hard to dispel the myths surrounding sprinkler systems, for example that they cost lots of money and go off accidentally."

of money and go off accidentally.
"The truth is they save lives
and we are urging anyone with a
responsibility for looking after vulnerable people to consider installing



yourcanterbury **NEWS** IN BRIEF

Children on to a winner with a portrait of mayor

YOUNGSTERS can win creative goodies by Mayor of Canterbury, Cilr Carolyn Parry.
The competition, which ends this Friday,

is open to all five to 11-year-olds living in the district. For inspiration, an image of Cllr Parry is on the council's children and youth website at www.notbored.net/democracy, along with more information.

Entries should be sent to Nicky Gould, Community Development, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury, CT1 1YW.

Unique leasehold option sure to pull the buvers in

THE leasehold for city centre pub the Beer Cart Arms is up for sale for £35,000.

The money will buy a 24-year leasehold, a system unique to the pub industry where the tenant pays a one-off sum for the business while the pub owners retain ownership of the bricks and mortar.

If the Beer Cart Lane business, which has an annual net turnover of £321,000, improves the leasehold can then be sold on for more money.

The sale is handled by Fleurets.

From Albert to Kings Hall for a night at the proms

IT'S being billed as 'the last night of the Proms comes to Herne Bay'—and it is hoped the crowds will join in just like the Royal Albert Hall spectacular come November 8.

That's when the Herne Bay Rotary Club Proms Evening will be staged in aid of local charities at the Kings Hall.

A host of performers will entertain the audience before the likes of Jerusalem and Land of Hope and Glory finish off the evening in rousing fashion. Tickets are £12.50 each available from the venue.

Four-day event focusing on equality and diversity

CANTERBURY College will be buzzing to the sound of African drums next week as it hosts the second Fair for All event celebrating equality and diversity.

The four-day event includes stalls selling Fair Trade products made from recycled materials, produced by local people with learning disabilities, as well as international sources. Visitors will also be treated to displays, interactive workshops and food from the college's students.

Fair for All will run from October 20-23.

by a consultant dermatologist

Raising both cash and hope for a generation

This month we launched our Make The Difference campaign – urging our readers to give their valuable time to help disadvantaged groups across our area by volunteering for charity. This week we examine another organisation and how you could help...

■ BY YOURCAMPAIGN TEAM

WITH 85 per cent of the NSPCC's income stemming from community fundraisers, the closure of several groups in east Kent due to lack of volunteers is a serious blow for the charity.

The NSPCC provides a range of services for children, including the vital ChildLine telephone service, which can be a lifeline for youngsters who need someone to talk to in confidence.

Spokesman Anna Kier said: "The last few years has seen a gradual drop in volunteers. "Many of our helpers have supported the

NSPCC for decades, but as they have got older, there has been a lack of younger volunteers replacing them. This has caused many of our groups to become inactive.

"For example, the east Kent and Canterbury area, in the past, had many active fundraising groups, including, Faversham, Herne Bay, Canterbury, Barham, Whitstable, and Adisham and Ickham.

"Many of these groups are no longer active. Currently we only have two active groups –

Herne Bay and Canterbury."

Swale has been particularly badly hit, with just one group in Sittingbourne representing the NSPCC in the borough. But even this is hard-pushed due to lack of new recruits.

Mrs Kier said: "Swale branch is severely lack-

Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.



ing in volunteers. In the past there were more than 15 different fundraising groups in the area, including a group on the Isle of Sheppey, but this has now decreased dramatically to just three. There is only one group in Swale, Sittingbourne, and they are in desperate need of extra support."

But there is some good news too. A new

group set up just six months ago in Canterbury by Max Tillings and Katie Roach has already raised £10,000.

Mrs Kier said: "Their achievements have been exceptional and are inspirational for anywho is interested in fundraising.

ChildLine, now part of the NSPCC, also relies on volunteers to take calls, but the charity is based at centres in London, Scotland and the north and west of England, with none in Kent.

To volunteer for the NSPCC, contact the South East office on 01293 651840 or email. southeastappeals@nspcc.org.uk

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Festival the real winner as readers judge the Booker Prize shortlist

LITERATURE'S leading lights met in London last night to unveil the winner of this year's Man Booker Prize – and linking up live with the event was a special panel from the Canterbury Festival.

One of the highlights of the two-week festival, six local writers championed each of the six short-listed books at three special book clubs – and then last night made their own decision as

to who they believed should scoop the top prize. People could vote for the book they believed

worthy of the prize as the panel made its judgement on the shortlist.

And you can see for yourself what was involved in the process by logging on to our free, broadband TV website www.yourkenttv.co.uk. Presenter Julie Maddocks went to speak to those behind the project and find out what went in to the event.

The book clubs then linked live with the final in London last night when the winner was announced - after we went to press.



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TOP GEAR: Russell Gomm, director of Dark Roads, receives the award for best film from judge Valerie Ellis

Light shines on 'dynamic' Dark movie victor

DARK Roads, a brooding thriller shot in Herne Bay, has picked up the top award at the Kent Film Festival.

The movie, a suspenseful revenge thriller by Herne Bay director Russell Gomm and his team, was awarded The Barclays Trophy for

Best Film, much to the surprise of its creator.

Mr Gomm said: "It's quite a traditional festival, but I thought I'd send it in anyway, even though I was expecting the judges to hate it. But I knew the photography was good so I thought we might be in with a chance of an award for that.

"I wasn't even in the room when it was screened. The film has got violence and swear-

ing in it and I thought they would hate it.
"When the winners were read out, they do it in reverse order. There are loads, best actor, best script, best sound etcetera. As each one came up I thought 'we might win this one'

"But when best photography was read out I thought 'well that's it'.

"But then they read out the best film and they said 'number nine, Dark Roads.' I couldn't believe it. I just sat there with my mouth open and my mum had to push me to get up and go to the stage."

Dark Roads enjoyed universal acclaim from the judges who praised practically every aspect of the production from

BY **GARETH ARNOLD**

sound to stunt work.

Describing the film, judge Valerie Ellis said:
"Wow! What a dynamic, challenging and beautifully made movie. The picture quality, the creative use of sound, the sure direction

and the acting made it a very exciting movie."
Fellow judge, Graham Evans, said: "A clever plot, magnificent production values, technically brilliant camera sequences and lighting. Superb shots from the side of

fast-moving vehicles."

The Kent Film Festival was held recently at the Powell Theatre at Canterbury Christ Church University and featured 46 films

from animations to documentaries.

Dark Roads will now be entered into the IAC British International Amateur Film Festival.

Mr Gomm's production company Aurora Pictures Ltd is made up of local talent including producer Tiffany Sonnex, co-writer and assistant director Adam Modley, cinematographer Tom Hitchmough and sound producer Andrew Ridgeway.

The film premiered at a private screening at the Odeon cinema in Canterbury on

For more information, or to order a copy of Dark Roads, visit www.aurorapictures.net.

Email vourcanterbury@kosmedia.co.uk

yourcanterbury **NEWS** IN BRIEF

Harbour's future is under discussion at public talk

WHITSTABLE Harbour Board stages its annual public meeting tomorrow night – and is urging anyone interested to attend.

The harbour is one of the town's key tourist attractions and has been at the centre of much controversy in recent years over plans for its redevelopment.

The free meeting takes place at the St Alphege School in the High Street, and gets under way at 7.30pm.

It will present its annual review for the last 12 months, examine the financial figures and discuss other findings within it.

However, of most interest will be plans for future development and the habour board's work on formulating a long-term strategic plan. After extensive consultation with local groups it says it hopes to have the plan com-plete by the end of the year.

Michael Dixey, the board's chairman, said: "The task of further developing the harbour, regenerating under-utilised areas and buildings and achieving long-term financial self-sufficiency is not an easy one."

Development team ready to hear youths' Hot Topix

YOUNG people will be able to discuss ideas with Canterbury's youth development team at the district's annual youth conference this

The events are open to young people aged between 11-17 from across the district and there are 60 places available on both days. They are free, but booking is essential.

The event, Hot Topix, takes place at AMF Bowling in Whitstable on Saturday and Sunday, October 18-19.

For further details contact Nicky Gould on 01227 862125 or email nicky.gould@canterbury.gov.uk.

A separate conference for young people with disabilities and special needs, is on October 26. Contact Carrie Wood on 01227 367555 or email info@snaap.org.uk.

Smartie's such a sweet cat

A SIX-toed cat is searching for her owners or a new home if no one comes forward. Smartie, as she has

been named by Canterbury Cats Protection, turned up in a garden in Oakdale Road, Herne



Bay a few weeks ago, obviously lost.
If you recognise Smartie, or would like to offer her a new home call the local lost and found line on 05602 965182.



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Trailer takes mystery trip along Dark Roads

GET a taste of Dark Roads by viewing the film's trailer on our free, broadband TV site www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

The film is based on an idea conceived a few years ago by director Russell Gomm.

Dark Roads is a tense revenge thriller, whose complex plot switches between two time frames, leaving it to the viewer to work out the secret behind the action.

The action was shot in and around Herne Bay, and features many landmarks, not to mention local actors and crew. Search for 'dark'.

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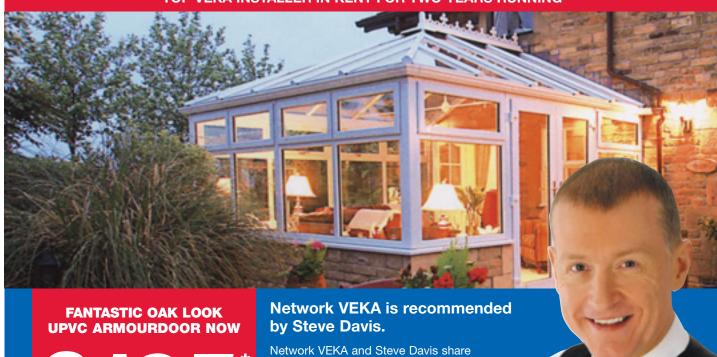
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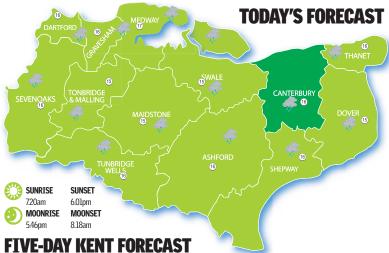
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WEEKEND **HIGH TIDES**

Chatham	Saturday	2:16pm	6.3m
	Sunday	2:57pm	6.4m
Dover	Saturday	12:24pm	7.0m
	Sunday	1:03pm	7.0m
Dungeness	Saturday	12:36pm	8.3m
	Sunday	1:15pm	8.3m
Ramsgate	Saturday	12:54pm	5.4m
	Sunday	1:33pm	5.3m
Sheerness	Saturday	2:06pm	6.0m
	Sunday	2:47pm	6.0m
Whitstable	Saturday	2:06pm	5.4m
	Sunday	2:49pm	5.5m

AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

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Beijing	21°C	Rome	23°C
Bombay		Sydney	30°C
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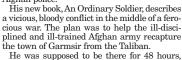
An extraordinary fight for survival

A NEW book by a former Canterbury soldier lifts the lid on frontline operations in Afghanistan.

Captain Doug Beattie, of the Royal Irish Regiment, won the Military Cross for courage and leadership during a dangerous tour of duty in Helmand Province.

He was the unit's Regimental Sergeant Major when it was based at Howe Barracks and he served in Iraq under Lieutenant-Iraq under Lie Colonel Tim Collins.

Cpt Beattie was posted to a desk job at Kandahar but tiring of that got himself a job as a military advisor to the Afghan police



but that stretched into two weeks. Instead of being an advisor, he ended up leading from the

During his 24 years in the Army Cpt Beattie had been at the sharp end in Northern Ireland and Iraq, but had never been involved in such close quarters fighting before.

He said: "It was chaos. Like something from an old war movie that everyone says is unreal-

istic, but it was happening to us."

In the battle to hold Garmsir it was kill or be killed. Cpt Beattie could see men being killed

in front of him.

During the whole engagement he led a charmed life – his only wound came when his face hit a Land Rover dashboard.

His wife didn't know he was risking life and limb until he came back from what proved a terrifying finale to his distinguished career.

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ANDREW RICHARDSON



What is your day job?

I'm have been the finds manager for the Canterbury Archaeological Trust since May 1. Previously, I was finds liaison officer, part of the portable antiquities scheme, based with Kent County Council's heritage team.

I hear that you also help the police in unusual circumstances. What does that involve?

As finds liaison officer I contacted Chief Inspector Mark Harrison, then in charge of Kent Police's partnership and crime reduction department, about problems with illicit metal detecting. This was at the behest of local, responsible metal detector enthusiasts fed up with the activities of a criminal minority.

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Between us, along with PC Andy Small, the environmental crime coordinator, we developed a partnership approach to heritage-related crime. Chief Inspector Harrison has since been made district commander for Canterbury.

Now long have you been doing this, and what does it involve?

Since about 2005 I've been working with Kent Police on training for officers, community wardens and the like on heritage crime and heritage related law.

I also assist on search warrants and

I also assist on search warrants and investigations involving heritage, both artefacts and sites, that require specialist archaeological knowledge. I've assisted on several search warrants and helped at all stages of investigations.

Now did you start doing it?

We had a case in Ramsgate involving theft of Bronze Age artefacts from a Canterbury Archaeological Trust excavation, and I took part in the search that recovered some of these.

Can you tell me about the last case you worked on?

This was a complex and extremely unusual case. It did not involve use of a metal detector, rather an individual dug without permission at a number of sites in Kent and elsewhere.

Mhere did the man take artefacts from?

He took them from a number of important sites, all scheduled monuments, including Reculver and Richborough Roman forts, a Roman villa in Gloucestershire, a medieval castle at Thurnham near Maidstone, and others.

Were they valuable, either financially or historically?

They were of historical and archaeological value rather than significant monetary value. The real value though was often in the undisturbed archaeology he had dug through.

Nhy did the police want to stop him?

He was damaging key archaeological sites, without the necessary consent or the landowner's permission. Allowing this to go on unchecked would have completely undermined

all the laws that are there to safeguard our national heritage.

What have you been working on on a more day to day basis?

We're just coming to the end of a massive project we're doing at Monkton in Thanet, for Thanet Earth. We've had about 40 people on the project which is most of the Trust's diggers

They will be coming back soon to start the lengthy post-excavation process. We have been working on the project for about a year, and the post-excavation process will be even longer – it could take anything up to two years

What have you found?

At Thanet Earth it's a massive site – 60 hectares. We've found things from pretty much every period – from Neolithic, which is late Stone Age, 4,500BC, to World War Two things like a searchlight and a crashed fighter airplane, probably Canadian.

We've found a lot of burials, including early Bronze Age burials with beaker pottery.

We found an Iron Age settlement and some unusual medieval buildings with sunken floors, and we're going to have to work out what those work for

What do you hope to get from the project?

It'll give a really integrated look at the history of the Kent landscape.

Jenny Armstrong talks to archaeologist Andrew Richardson of the Canterbury Archaeological Trust, about his work with Kent Police to protect England's heritage, and digging up large parts of Thanet

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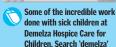
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Deep-clean to take fight to superbugs

Six hospitals to be scrubbed and disinfected

BY JENNA PUDELEK

HEALTH bosses have announced the launch of a deep-cleaning programme at six community hospitals as the battle against superbugs continues.

NHS West Kent said Hawkhurst hospital near Cranbrook would be first, with every wall, ceiling fitting and bed in each ward and

clinical area being scrubbed and disinfected. Karen Jefferies, the Primary Care Trust's deputy director for community services, said: "Tackling healthcare-associated infections is a key priority for our hotel services staff and the community hospital clinical staff.

"We aim to provide complete assurance to our patients, their families and our staff that we take the clean-

liness of our hospitals seriously."

The PCT reopened Livingstone
Hospital in Dartford last week after it was given a major deep-clean following the death of a patient during

an outbreak of Clostridium difficile. Community hospitals are particularly susceptible to infections like C-diff and Novovirus, also known as winter vomiting disease.

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paign has seen the award-winning publishers working alongside the NHS in Kent to highlight the impor-

tance of washing your hands regularly and using the alcogel provided in hospitals and healthcare centres.

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The deep-cleaning programme is part of a national initiative which will be completed in hospitals across the country by March 31. Following a trial at Livingstone, the PCT said that MRSA-resistant disposable curtains, which are also flame-retardant, would be fitted around beds in all its community mediahospitals.

CAMPAIGN

The 22-bed Hawkhurst hospital specialises in active rehabilitation for adults recovering from illness or injury and the PCT said the deep-clean would cause minimum

disruption to patients.
Livingstone Hospital, Tonbridge Cottage
Hospital, Edenbridge and District War
Memorial Hospital and Sevenoaks Hospital will be deep-cleaned as part of the autumn initiative.

Gravesham Community Hospital will be cleaned early in the New Year.

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REVIVAL: Partridge numbers have increased

Wing your way to partridge talk

A MEETING for partridge buffs is being held this month to celebrate the success of an environmental group in ensuring their protection in the wild.

The species has increased its numbers by 11 times over the past five years and is now

Farmers, landowners and gamekeepers have all helped to protect this bird, which has suffered in recent years due to loss of habitat and changes in farming methods.

Pater Thompson of the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust said: "The group has received huge support in its efforts to ensure a future for this iconic bird.

"Grey partridges, like many other farmland birds, have suffered decades of catrastrophic decline."
The meeting is on Thursday, October 23, at Squerryes Court, Westerham. It starts at

7pm and cost of attendance is £13.

The theme of the event is how best to manage land to protect the grey partridge. Winter feeding, habitat and predator control are also to be discussed.

And to promote the conservation of the species, a trophy is to be presented to the landowner, farm or estate manager who has done most to assist its recovery.

To book a place, phone 01425 651013

Black history celebrated

THIS month the county hosts a number of exhibitions and events to celebrate Black History Month

More than 50 events are taking place right across the county, organised by community groups, Kent County Council, Kent Police and the Unite staff group.

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Have a go Joe is back on the road to pantomime

BY JANE CONNOLLY

COMEDIAN Joe Pasquale certainly knows how to get people laughing, but now he wants to make audiences boo and hiss as well.

Currently in familiar territory with his standup show Back On The Road, which visits Chatham's Central Theatre on November 8, the I'm A Celebrity winner faces a new challenge when he becomes a director for the first time.

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Pasquale will be in charge of Peter Pan at the
Orchard Theatre in Dartford this Christmas,
directing the action while also starring as
Captain Hook's bumbling sidekick, Smee.

"I feel very confident because I've got a good team around me," he said, when asked about the challenges ahead. "They are all great people who I knew already."

Rehearsals start at the end of November and casting has already been completed. Choosing actors to play such well-known characters was an important task, but the seasoned performer could sympathise with any nervous candidates.

an important task, but the seasoned performer could sympathise with any nervous candidates. "If you haven't been in their position as a performer, you don't know what it's like," Pasquale said. "It's an advantage for me. I've been through auditions, whereas many directors



JOE PUBLIC: Pasquale will direct and star in Peter Pan

naven't."

Pasquale is particularly happy with the young performers who have been chosen to play the Lost Boys and other juvenile roles. The rising stars are all students at the Liz Burville

Performing Arts Centre in Bexley and Pasquale was full of praise for their talents, describing this year's group as "exceptional".

With 24 years' experience of performing in panto, Pasquale is looking forward to making his mark and creating an unforgettable experience for his audiences.

"It's a different medium to anything else," he said. "With panto, I can rehearse for weeks but there's still a cast member missing – the audience. There's no reaction.

ence. There's no reaction.
"Until you get in front of an audience, it does
n't make sense. I love panto for the joy of it and
it's often the first introduction to theatre for
kids. It gives you a feeling of responsibility
because if they have a bad experience, they
won't come back."

Pasquale has recently been linked to remakes of classic '70s children's TV shows Rentaghost and Worzel Gummidge.

He produced and co-wrote a hit stage version of Rentaghost last year and would be a popular choice to take on the role of jester Mr Claypole.

The squeaky-voiced comic has also been reported in the national press as being in line to take the lead role of Worzel Gummidge, the walking, talking scarecrow made famous by former Doctor Who Jon Pertwee. Peter Pan runs at the Orchard Theatre from December 5 to January 11. To book call the box office on 01322 220000 or visit www.orchardtheatre.co.uk.

'People are happy with our police'

A CONFERENCE held by Kent Police Authority to canvass views on how the police should be made more accountable to the public found people are largely satisfied already

satisfied already.

The meeting followed the Home Office review of policing led by Sir Ronnie Flanagan and Government discussions which included proposals to give local people a chance to have their say in who oversees policing.

oversees poncing.

The conference, at the Ramada Hotel in Maidstone, asked representatives of Kent Police, NHS, the prison service and Kent Fire and Rescue for their views and opinions on directly elected police authorities.

A survey was also carried out and findings included:

- Seventy-seven per cent agreed the current structure of an authority made up of councillors and local people is effective;
- Seventy-six per cent disagreed with the proposed new structure;
- the proposed new structure;

 Fifty per cent called for more local councillors than local people;

 Eighty per cent thought the new pro-
- Eighty per cent thought the new proposed structure would be a risk to policing in Kent and Medway.

Ann Barnes, chairwoman of the Kent Police Authority, said: "Policing has undergone many changes over the years and we wanted to hear fresh ideas.

"I am pleased people feel the current set up is the right mix of people. "From our point of view it is really

"From our point of view it is really important that we have a balance on the authority.

"We need to avoid party politics to make sure that budgets and priorities are set fairly. We will be feeding back our research to the Home Office."

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Getting the online safety message across with new DVD

A SPECIALLY created DVD offering advice to help keep children safe while using social networking sites such as Facebook has been launched.

Funded by Kent Police and Kent County Council, the e-safety DVD is the first in a series created by young people.

created by young people.

It will be distributed, along with teaching material to support its aims and objectives, to schools across the county. The DVD was

launched at the fourth e-safety conference to be held at Kent Police College, run by KCC. Students from Kent Safe Schools and

Students from Kent Safe Schools and Medway Youth Parliament, who sit on the Kent and Medway Young People's Safety Forum, created the idea of the DVD and worked with members of the county's e-safety group to create it.

The forum includes representatives from KCC, Kent Police, schools, Kent Youth County

Council and Medway Youth Parliament.

Assistant Chief Constable Allyn Thomas said: "Offering advice and guidance to children on how to stay safe online is sometimes met with resistance and maybe seen as adults 'telling them what to do'.

"Be safe – e-safe has been produced by children for children with the hope it will break that barrier and help to deliver the messages on how to stay safe on the internet."



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High and mighty youngsters seize sporting chance





HOOP DREAMS: Three Canterbury High School students are competing for the county's basketball team

BY **GARETH ARNOLD**

CANTERBURY High School is reaping the benefits of its specialist sports college status.

Students have enjoyed a summer of sporting success with several competing at county level and beyond.

The school boasts three Kent basketball representatives in Thomas Dobson, Ayo Salawu and Kyle Vincett; all of whom are regularly selected for the first 10 from a squad of

Atlanta Wright, 11, is excelling on a different sort of court, representing Kent in tennis

for the under-14s.

This summer she won under-12s tournaments in Beckenham and Ryegate, and an under-14s tournament in Eastbourne.

Another of the school's top tennis players is Seb Kay.

Seb was competing at the under-14s and under-16s NatWest Open in Dorset during the summer where he got into the quarter

finals in the under-14s and the second round in the under-16s.

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He also played at the Windsor under-14s and under-16s tournament, and got to the third round in the under-14s, but faced the number one seed in the under-16s and got knocked out in the first round.

Meanwhile, under-12s hockey player Alice Trill has moved up to regional level and attended the East of England training camp this year.

Youngsters attend the camp through invitation only and the skills learned from top coaches provide the foundations for prospective members in later years. Footballer Ella Potter has been picked for

Footballer Ella Potter has been picked for the Kent women's under-14s, and is waiting for her chance to play in the first XI.

for her chance to play in the first XI.

Headteacher Phil Karnavas said: "This
summer has been very successful for our
aspiring athletes.

"More and more of our young people are taking an interest in sport and excelling to the county representation level.

"All the praise and positive reinforcement of these young athletes is priceless."

BREAK TIME

Sorry Sir, there'll be no return of Whacko!

BRING back the cane! A new survey suggests one in five teachers would like to see the return of corporal punishment.

A poll carried out by the Times Educational Supplement asked 6,162 UK teachers whether they would support caning

It found 22 per cent of secondary school teachers would support the right to use corporal punishment in extreme cases.

The most common reason given was the deterioration of class behaviour. Primary school teachers were less supportive, with only 16 per cent arguing for reintroduction.

The Department for Children, Schools and Families said violence against children was illegal and unacceptable.



BEND OVER: Jimmy Edwards wields the cane in the classic television show Whacko!

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England expects we're allowed to jeer

THERE may have not have been much to cheer about during England's latest lacklustre display at Wembley, but there was at least something to boo about - and what a fuss it caused.

Ashley Cole found himself on the end of the jeers after an appalling back-pass let in the mighty Kazakhstan to score. And elements of the Wembley crowd were not best pleased.

After all, this was an England team who just one match before had strolled to a 4-1 victory in Croatia and reignited the hopes of a nation that we were actually quite good at football. But, as ever, England proved on Saturday

they are merely mediocre, limping to victory against a team of part-timers and were flattered by the final 5-1 scoreline.

Yet the headlines on England's performance

were shared by those about the booing of Cole and the indignation of his captain and manager immediately after the match.
A "disgrace" they said. "Morons" was how Rio

ion. Well, they're right, of course. One miserable back-pass, however useless it may be, does not and should not warrant an immedi-

ate backlash from fans.

But this is Ashley Cole, and if there is one tradition in football longer than having a pie at half-time, it is surely that if you pay your money you are entitled to voice an opinion.

Obviously foul racist abuse is never acceptable, but passing comment on a player's form and attitude to the game surely is. Cole is, after all, a player who left former club Arsenal under a cloud after his pursuit of bigger wages led him to Chelsea.

I'm not excusing the booing, but I suspect a certain element of it was based on a general dislike of Cole rather than a mere commentary on his shoddy bit of defensive work which allowed the Kazaks to make us look a bit silly in front of 90,000 fans and a TV audience of millions.

You can make your own mind up as to whether he deserved it. But the bigger point here is surely that England should not expect

constant, unrelenting support regardless of how they perform, either as a group or individ-

These are not amateurs who give up their spare time to showcase their love of football. They are young men paid as much as £100,000 a week to kick a ball about.

What's more, those who attend games pay a handsome sum to do so. Therefore, in exactly the same way we're entitled to slate a film if we pay to see it and it's rubbish, the football fan is – within reason – allowed to voice his displeasure too.

That's how football works. We cheer when they do well and make them heroes. We offer

they do well and make them heroes. We ofter support when we understand if they struggle. But when you are allegedly the best in the country, playing for your nation in a bid to qualify for the World Cup finals and you are not pulling your weight, well, a few jeers may help to ensure there is no repeat performance.

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514, medium build, brown hair, likes
cinema, animals, music, romantic
pubs, seeking maie for ouddles, hugs
and more. Box 444873
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Easygoing female, 45, self-employed
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socialising, sofa cuddles, seeking
loyal, Loving, caring male for good
times and more. Box 444672 ①
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Canterbury. Box 440592 •
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44yr old female, blonde hair, 5ft5, slim, easygoing, enjoy many things in life, looking for someone similar out there to enjoy life with! Box 436810

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Easyoging lady, 46, dark brown
hairblue eyes, medium build, likes
life, socialism, the seaside, walks,
drinks, WLTM male to share a bottle
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34yr old male, 5ft9, brown hair/eyes, likes going to the pub, films and a good laugh, WLTM a female, similar interests, to go out with. Box 445260

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Civil servant, 36, caring, sharing,
GSOH, brown eyes, short brown
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Lee, driver, 36yr old, 6ft, dark hair,
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Seeking fun loving woman, someone
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38, I travel a lot, and like animals,
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HOP ON! Hi I'm Mark, 6ft, slim/medium build,

HOP ON!
Hi, Im Mark, 6ft, sim/medium build, lots of interests including motorcy-cles, WLTM a kind and honest female to share fun times and laughter with. Box 445124
SOMETHING SPECIAL Laid-back male; 38, 6ft, enloy meals and drinks out, seeking a down-to-earth female to share laughter and maybe something special with Box 445231
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Professional, solvent male, 39, 6ft2,
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eyes turning blius when it is round.

lan, 40, 5'7", medium build, green eyes turning blue when it is cold, loves live sports and golf, seeking an active female, 30-39. Box 899003 •

FUN AND CUDDLY FUN AND CODELT 42yr old male, 5ft7, blue eyes, enjoys cinema, walking, swimming and cosy nights in, seeking a damsel to rescue and be happy with. Box 440032 € €

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like-minded lady to enjoy everything
and anything with. Maidstone. Box
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Tonbridge guy, 42, 5ft6, brown
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Tonbridge guy, 42, 5ft6, brown hair/green eyes. I'm honest and k and I'm looking for the same in a woman. Box 445200 **⊕ POPCORN?**

POPCORN?
Single chap, 43. I enjoy cinema, holi-days, beach walks, restaurants and music. I'm hoping to meet a lovely lady, 34-56. Box 445214 Ø
HOW ABOUT IT?
Kind gent, 43, dark hair, blue eyes, 5flfs, sim-medium build, average looks, seeking female 37-57 to enjoy holidays, music, cinema, meals and more with. Box 444-712 Ø
VEGETARIAN

VEGETARIAN
44yr old sociable, single dad, tall, fit, black hair, love cooking, countryside, animals, looking for a caring and loving female, GSOH for friendship and LTR. Box 434684

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DOWN TO MARGATE!

Young-looking, slim male, 43yr old, 5ft10, enjoys beach walks and cinema, WLTM a mature lady for a committed long term relationship. Margate Box 441706

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Kind, considerate, caring, honest guy, 47, 6ft, hazel eyes, brown hair, medi-um build, like football, swimming, ding, driving, seeking caring ale to share life with! Box 892531

TACTILE, FUNNY AND LOYAL

Dave, 48, tall, slim, brown hair, clean and tidy, loves being in love, looking for the firm of the fir ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIL.

Youthful dad, 45, 5'10", brown hair,
med build, divorcee, likes pubs, cinema, restaurants, theme parks, WLTM
female, 36-45, slim, for possible LTR.

Cranbrook Box 737529 • •

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Tall, silver, handsomish guy, fit 49yr
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WLTM slim, attractive, loving, tactile
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Hello, I'm Stephen, 50, young looking, likes all things in life especially cuddles on the softa, WITM an attractive female for a loving relationship. Box 445106 © WAITING FOR YOU

Fun-loving and laid-back male, 50, 6ft4, slim/medium build, smoker, enjoys cinema, music, travel and

untry pubs, seeking a female 40-46 fun, romance & LTR. Box 443869

TO SHARE LIFE
Giving, caring male, 58 5ft9, seeking genuine lady, very feminine, to share nice evenings, places, meals, friendship and perhaps more later with.
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OPEN ARMS
Scorpian male, 53, dark
hair/eyes/moustache, GSOH, enjoys natifeyesimousacine, coopi, single films, music, dancing, computer games, animals, seeks slim/medium attractive female, for friendship, pos-sible LTR. Box 375056

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Romantic, tactile male, 54, 5'11",
brown hair/eyes, GSOH, enjoys cin
ma, nights in/out, looking for someone special for love. Aylesford Box

410217 **①**WARMTH & TENDERNESS

Caring, tactile, creative professional man, 56, slim, 6ft, seeks a slim attractive intelligent woman with a youthful approach to life for warm and tender times. Box 888954 • •

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Men

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male, similar age, for friendship to
start, then who knows? Box 445271

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TALK TIME

GRANT MANFER

The owner of Jelly Beanz hair salon in Whitstable talks about his business and it's expansion despite the country's economic problems



Tell us about yourself and the business...

I had been working at Len's in the early 1990s and wanted to increase my experience in ladies' hairdressing so I did a HND level 2.

Soon I outgrew Len's and when premises came up across the road, with the support of Len and his wife Valerie, we started up a new business.

Since then I've done mastering colour with Wella and cutting with Vidal Sasson.

We've now been open for six years and I've now taken over Jelly Beanz entirely, thanks to the help and support of Len and Valerie Palmer Jones who've been wonderful.

Where did the name come from?

Len and Valerie's son had started a marketing company called Creative Venom and they came up with the name for us. Jelly Beanz evokes bright colours, something good; positive childhood memories.

So that's where the name came from

What do you offer?

We do both classic and contemporary styles. I have a good team of stylists to cope with any hair demands and we have a colour specialist to keep things up-to-date. Our customers are aged from one to literally 100.

Is the credit crunch affecting you?

No, we've just taken on three new members of staff. I think that people have worked themselves up into a panic,

helped by the national newspapers.

This is not the first time it's happened. It's true three businesses in Whitstable have closed, but I know of at least five new ones that have opened recently, so I can't see that as anything other than positive.

YOUR LETTERS

Start banging on about a pet hate

In support of Mr Wilkins-Oppler's letter (Bonfire night ordeal, Yourletters, October 1), it is a fact the firework season appears to last from Halloween to well into the new year.
Add to this the various

birthday and exam-passing celebrations, then some years it can go on indefinitely.

I have a 12-year-old dog that becomes a shivering wreck at the sound of the whizzer and screamer fireworks.

At the first sign of fireworks I have to dose him up on tranquilisers then hold him on a lead until the ordeal is over otherwise he will try to dig his

way out of the room.

He has caused hundreds of pounds worth of damage in the past when I have not been around to control him.

There are many charity adverts on the TV unashamedly exploiting sad-faced children to solicit donations, why then can the RSPCA not target children through arranged school visits to appeal to the parents not to have loud firework parties in

their gardens?
I am sure, given the obvious affection children have for animals, when they are made aware of the suffering caused, they would gladly settle for a visual display.

The 10pm curfew on fireworks has little chance of being enforced and individual complaints have no effect on the authorities, but a large recognised and respected body like the RSPCA might just have enough clout to ease this yearly misery.

William J Osborne



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Profits matter more than our well-being

Your disturbing report about many of the district's pubs and nightclubs playing music at dangerously high decibels will not have surprised many readers (Excess noise will fall on deaf ears, Yourcanterbury, October 8).

The primary concern of the management in many of these



establishments is maximising profits, even if this is at the expense of their staff and patrons'

Thus the greater the amount of customers they can cram into their buildings the better the takings are going to be.

The music volume gradually becomes louder and louder to drown out all conversation from the packed venue.

The cunning plan is if you cannot hear yourself or those around you speak, then naturally you down your drinks quicker. Other tricks of the trade

include limiting seating which widens space, accommodates more people and encourages the less relaxed, standing customers to drink faster as well.

Plus there are always salty snacks available at the bar. As salt brings on a thirst, once again it's all cleverly designed to make customers drink more.

Clive Wilkins-Oppler

TA deserve to take their salute as well

I think the march for 5 Scots in December to mark them receiving the freedom of Canterbury is fantastic, but I am





absolutely disgusted with the fact that members of the TA (Territorial Army), currently attached to and serving with 5 Scots in Afghanistan are NOT allowed to join the march. Apparently the TA have said

they do not have enough money to fund the march for TA troops.

The fact is, all these lads are out there, ready and willing to pay the ultimate sacrifice for Queen and country, regardless of them being a regular or TA soldier. This needs sorting out.

Ian from Worthing

Comments left on www.yourcanterbury.co.uk

Casualties prove we need a 20mph limit

The Department for Transport ha eleased the latest road casualty

Kent and Medway had 834 sualties in 2007, which included 358 cyclists and 75 children. Kent County Council has been very slow to respond to calls for

Driven to distraction by ridiculous Greens

Would you like to drive everywhere regardless of traffic conditions, say late at night, or early morning at the same speed as a hearse?
Dr Hazel Dawe and her chums

in the Green Party would like us to (Yourletters, October 1).

Like other political parties that wish to control every aspect of our lives, she seems to blame all accidents on speed.

Sorry, as any sensible person would know, there are many causes of accidents usually involving several factors.

Over a period of 30 years various 'green' groups have cultivated their anti-car policies, by distorting and

cherry-picking of facts. With more than 30 million vehicles in this country it would seem people have made their own travel choice. If they wanted to travel at 20mph they would do so.

These are not 'speed freaks' just normal citizens trying to go about their daily lives. Also vehicles travelling at such low speeds, plus the added congestion they cause, will be far more polluting

Yet pollution is one of the Greens' arguments against car ownership.

Traffic growth, like many other problems we have, comes with over population, perhaps the Greens should be more active in this role.

Herne Bay

Out-of-towners get the locals fuming

I appreciate Whitstable is a nice place to live and relies to an extent on the tourist trade.

However, the amount of traffic which has flooded into the town on recent weekends as people take advantage of the late summer sun has been ridiculous

Cars clearly from out of town just park wherever, it seems, they please, often double-parked blocking locals from being able to park near their homes or simply get about

I do not think it is acceptable.

Surely there should be increased wardens patrolling on weekends to keep our roads clear?

Whitstable

Thanks for raising a cup to cancer charity

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone in Kent who took part in the World's Biggest Coffee
Morning for Macmillan Cancer
Support on Friday, September 26.

More than 1,200 coffee morning hosts across Kent created a massive stir for us. From mayors, Kent police and Kent Fire and Rescue to schools, community groups and our fantastic committees, lots of people in their communities got involved.

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Macmillan are bringing expert care and support to people living with cancer, and this important work changes countless lives for the better. But they are not reaching everyone who needs and wants their support, which is why they urgently

need your help to expand services. Next year's World's Biggest Coffee Morning is on Friday, September 25. Macmillan will be in touch in

early 2009 to invite you to take part again in a coffee break with a difference. If anyone missed the World's Biggest Coffee Morning then please phone me on 01622 600050 to see how you can get involved.

Laura Thornton Fundraising Manager, Kent

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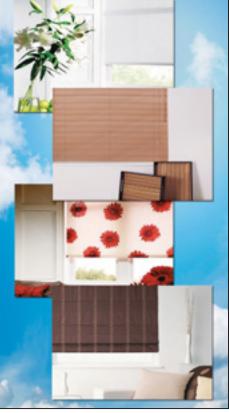
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The title role is played by Craig Chalmers, a popular finalist in the BBC talent search Any Dream Will Do, in which aspiring stars battled to win the role of Joseph in the West End show. Chalmers lasted until the seventh week with his strong vocal performances and his talent obviously impressed those in the theatre world, as he later landed the lead role in this touring production

in this touring production.

The show was inspired by the Biblical story of Joseph, a young man who possesses a gift for interpreting dreams. When his father Jacob gives Joseph a special coat of many colours, his 11 brothers are overcome with jealousy – particularly as his dreams also show he is destined to rule over them all. To try and prevent the prophecy coming true, they sell Joseph as a slave and tell their father he has been killed. Ripping the coat and splattering it with goat's blood to back up their story, they convince Jacob his son is dead and Joseph is soon forgatten by his brothers.

soon forgotten by his brothers.

Meanwhile, Joseph is taken to Egypt and forced to work as a slave for the millionaire Potiphar. His status improves as he rises through the household, but one day a misunderstanding with Potiphar's wife leads to Leone being through in joil

Joseph being thrown in jail.

When he successfully interprets the dreams of two cellmates, news of his gift reaches the Pharoah, who has been suffering from inexplicable visions. Joseph predicts there will be seven plentiful years followed by seven years of famine and as a reward, the Pharoah puts him in charge of preparing Egypt for the ordeal.

Now the second most powerful man in the country, Joseph is approached by his famine-stricken brothers who beg him for help. Realising they do



POPULAR: Craig Chalmers left his mark on the BBC competition Any Dream Will Do

not recognise their little brother, he must work out how to deal with their treachery.

Joseph was the second musical written by Lloyd Webber and Rice. It started life as a 15-minute pop canta-ta commissioned by Colet Court School in London in 1968 but when Lloyd Webber's father spotted potential, it gradually grew into a fully fledged musical over the next few

years. Since then the lead role has been played by a variety of actors in the West End, such as Jason Donovan, Philip Schofield and Donny Osmond. With catchy songs like Any Dream Will Do, it has also proved popular with schools and amateur theatre groups.

Tickets are priced from £15 to £24.50. Call 01322 220000 or book online at www.orchardtheatre.co.uk.



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IAN McMILLAN Thursday, October 23 Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury

POET, broadcaster and comedian Ian McMillan brings his Yorkshire words and European music to the Canterbury Festival.

Accompanied by orchestra, along with acclaimed composer and accordionist Luke Carver Goss, McMillan will be regaling the audience with his 'rip-roaring' poetry show. Expect powerful tales of

Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury

milkmen, heat waves, dads, voices found, death by shanty, industrial manoeuvres, 9/11, the late Ronnie Barker and other diverse subjects.

McMillen currently hosts

the hit Radio 3 show The Verb and is a regular on TV and radio programmes such as Newsnight Review, The Mark Radcliffe Show and Have I Got News For You? He also holds a number of poetic positions such as: Yorkshire Planetarium's Poet in Space; Poet in Residence for The Academy

of Urbanism in London and Barnsley FC; Humberside Police's Beat Poet and Yorkshire TV's Investigative Poet. Luke Carver Goss has written commissions for symphony orchestras, rock bands, musicals, theatres and dance ensembles. He works both on his own and as a collaborator, including with the band Szapora.
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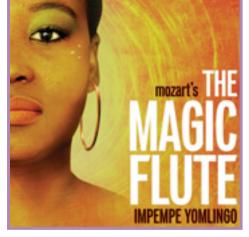
Described as an adventure, fairy story, comedy and drama all in one, The Magic Flute explores the trials of life and what it means to

grow up and find true love. When Prince Tamino is rescued from the jaws of a serpent by the Queen's attendants, he falls in love with a picture of her daughter Pamina. The Queen promises him Pamina's hand if he can free her from the clutches of Sarastro and gives him a magic flute to protect him. When Tamino arrives at the temple, he is told he must endure a series of ordeals to win Pamina's freedom and heart.
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ANDREW MOTION

Thursday, October 16 International Study Centre, Canterbury

POET Laureate Andrew Motion hopes to

spread his love of poetry and demystify the ancient role at tomorrow's lecture.

He will be reading old and new poems and introducing his acclaimed memoir In The Blood, which explores his childhood, teenage

years and the tragic event that informed his poetry for many years to follow.

Born in 1952, Motion read English at University College Oxford and studied the poetry of Edward Thomas for his Masters degree. He went on to teach English at the University of Hull, before spending two years as editor of Poetry Review and then joining publisher Chatto & Windus. Now professor of creative writing at Royal Holloway, University of London, and a fellow of the Royal Society of Literature, he was

appointed Poet Laureate in 1999.

The talk will start at 5.30pm. Tickets cost £7. To book call 01227 378188 or see www.canterburyfestival.co.uk.





Tune in to hear music from Congo and Ghana

EXPERIENCE exhilarating Africa at

the Gulbenkian Theatre, on Friday.
Following their successful concert in
February, Kasai Masai return with their
infectious rhythms which combine ancestral music with healing percussion, Congolese folk guitar and jazz sax.

Ghanaian singer and guitarist Atongo Zimba opens the concert with his distinctive voice, singing in the language of the Fra Fra tribe and playing the koloko. The concert starts at 7.45pm and tick-

ets cost £13. To book call 01227 769075 or visit www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk.

Enjoy lounging in the farmhouse with DJs

BENT DJs will be providing the music at The Farmhouse this week.

The Dover Street venue, home to the team behind Lounge on the Farm, welcomes the act on Saturday night. It is the latest in a series of events designed to keep the spirit of the festival alive all vear round.

Admission costs £3. To find out more see www.loungeonthefarm.co.uk.

Festival hosts a visit from talented organist

ACCLAIMED organist Martin Stacey will give a recital at St Paul's Church as part of the Canterbury Festival.

The church in Church Street boasts a fine 1900 Forster & Andrews instrument which has recently been restored and enlarged. The recital will include works by JS Bach, Messiaen, Wright, Daveluy,

Laurin and Stacey himself.
The concert on Monday, October 20, starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £8/£5. To book call 01227 378188 or visit www.canterburyfestival.co.uk.

Natural parallels are on show in new exhibition

MAGIC, dreams and the ephemeral nature of life are explored in the exhibition Parallel Worlds: Natural Causes.

Ceramic sculpture, paper constructions, photography, paintings and stitch work by Sandra Pearson, Banruo and Susan Cutts will be on display. The exhibition will run at Cleary Gallery in Blackfriars Street, Canterbury, from Saturday until Sunday, October 26.

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Big Red Book is full of festively fun presents

SUMMER may only just be over, but the countdown to Christmas is on.

And high street giants Woolworths are hoping to steal a few yards on their rivals with the release of their Big Red Book gift guide – complete with Santa hat-wearing model on the cover – to show-case their Christmas 2008 selection.

The book has a host of gift ideas for all the family and features a number of special offers. For a copy simply pop into the store or see www.woolworths.co.uk

Fill your Boots and your stockings with goodies

NOT that Boots will be far behind. The chain has also unleashed its Christmas guide in good time for shoppers looking to spread the cost of the festive gift-buying extravaganza.

Key offers include three for two deals on a range of gift sets and toys, half price digital cameras and a selection of beauty ideas for every member of the family. The Boots Christmas catalogue is in

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Book in for the easy way to stop smoking

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The health guru has 38 centres in the UK where smokers can get help to quit, including a new clinic in Maidstone. His book claims to offer a simple way to free smokers from the 'nicotine trap', without relying on willpower, putting on weight or suffering from withdrawal pangs

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YOUR TV REVIEW



SUNSHINE BBC One, 9pm, Tuesday

BY TOM BETTS

STEVE Coogan could shower us all with gold coins and £50 notes and it still wouldn't be as good as half an hour of Alan Partridge, the creation he thankfully first gave us in the early 90s.

It must be sad to hit that high so early in a career knowing that, really, you will probably never top it.

On the other hand however, the

bright side must be knowing that you have created something special, which, in turn must be a quite an amazing feeling. Still Coogan's average offerings are

better than most people's best, not that newie Sunshine is really average

at all. In fact, it's really rather good.

This may not hit the dizzy heights of
Partridge, but it sure has its
moments... just in a different way.

The comedy side is not classic

Coogan, far from it, but the signs are that this will still be a fine three-part mini-series, reaching a conclusion next week.

As Bing, the happy-go-lucky chancer with a love of a flutter, the funnyman pulls more at the heartstrings than at the sides of the mouth. A refreshing change of direction.

Our hero tries his best to do right by his young son and wife, but the lure of the bookmakers proves too much for 'our' Bing and the character's run thus far has proved to be neither happy, nor

With ever hopeful manner, he lurches from one doomed dead cert to another.
The well-meaning dad's heart-of-

gold cannot stop the break-up of his young family though and he is never



BETTING WOES: Steve Coogan (back left) is back to his best in BBC 1's mini-series Sunshine

more than one flutter away from marital disaster or total elation.

All this plays out amid a backdrop of bin men, bacon butties, scrunched up betting slips and smoky boozers and makes for a touching document of a serial gambler's woes, as head meets hands time and time again.

Soon he gets drawn into the murky world of illegal gambling from the not-so-murky world of high street bookies.

A case of better the devil you didn't Just like all the best stars, Coogan

shows he does tragedy as well as comedy and this is buoyed with a smattering of fine support from the likes of Bernard Hill and pretty much every-one who was in Early Doors and The Royle Family.

This is gambling and this is Coogan, but it's certainly no bluff.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19) IT may be difficult to focus on your personal life

due to career concerns. You've got to put more distance between your professional and private lives or loved ones will feel neglected. A stalled legal issue or bureaucratic matter could finally move forward over the next few days.

• To find out more about what the stars have in

store call Russell on Aquarius 09067-531762



TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21) A HEALTH problem that was causing lots of confusion is starting to clear up. You could finally get a clear diagnosis this week. Be sure to follow advice as you don't want to complicate this situation. An authority figure

that is in an ivory tower may have unreasonable expectations.

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help pick up the pieces. If you're seeking employment, check out opportunities related fitness. Any job that has an element of physicality is favoured.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20) FOR the past few weeks, you and a loved one have

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22) YOU could get a chance to make a childhood dream come true, but will it live up to your expectations? Or will it spur you on to bigger and better things. A creative block could finally dissolve, allowing you to move forward with a project. Playing

music could be inspirational. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Gemini 09067-531754



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views easier to accept.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20) IT will get easier to deal with a business or roman-

tic partner this week. The confusion and anger that has been swirling around your relationship is starting to lift. Don't let friends influence your decisions on this matter. You've got to deal with

people as individuals.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct23) YOU'VE got to be more attentive to a child, or they could get into trouble. Trying to buy their affection is a mistake. What your young friend really wants is your time, not your money. A close relationship could come to an end leaving you free to pursue other opportunities.

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store call Russell on Libra 09067-531758

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20) IT may be time to move to a different neighbour-hood. If you're seeking a new place check out locations near the water. You could find a lovely spot that feels like a haven from the outside world. Don't let friends discourage you from accepting a challenging job.

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ACROSS

- 1 Fearfully rigid? (6,5)
- **9** Wily airmen in city I left (6)
- 10 Fellow Scot makes bloomer (7)
- 12 Grant's first name for Greek hero (7)
- 14 Walter twisted reel initially on boat (7)
- **15** Fine shot at goal? (7,4)
- 16 Dad, a palindrome (3)
- 17 Food starting to be nutritious (3)
- 19 Helped to create a build-up? (11)
- 22 With German agreement, he replaced one in path of Noachic descendent (7)
- 23 Systematic police search at the bottom of the water? (7)
- 24 Quite out of order (7)
- 25 110 going round capital peak (6)

26 Great Fire of London (3,3,5) DOWN

- 2 Continue to have an affair (5.2)
- 3 No option (7)
- 4 Uninteresting fourth-rate lines (3)
- **5** Stingy with oneis palm hidden (5-6)
- 6 Flipper covered rear whale (7)
- 7 Incentive Philip announced (6)
- 8 Bravery when negotiating tiny riptide (11)
- 11 Firework leaping over lifting device (7-4)
- 13 Secret agent in taxi with tachograph (3,2,3,3) 18 Stop Hattie including head-covering (3-3)
- 19 Each with the remarkably swift feline (7)
- 20 You, say, had headless skull as a result of radioactive
- element (7)
- **21** Nail Kit canít bend (7)
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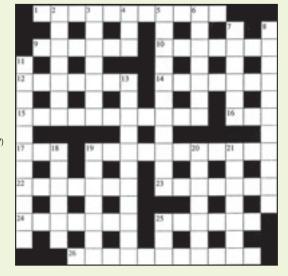
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- 12 Became dry and shrivelled (7)
- 14 Mexican state (7)
- 15 Taller than a bungalow (3-8) **16** Craving (3)
- 17 Success (3)
- 19 Basic (11)
- 22 Fine rain (7)
- 23 Predominate (7)
- 24 Feverish (7)
- 25 Literary tag (6) 26 Self-important (11)

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- 2 Italian palace (7)
- 3 No longer existing (7)
 - **4** Duet (3)
 - **5** Area with chalets, hotels and entertainments
 - (7,4)
 - 6 Endures (anag.) (7)
 - **7** Bureau (6)
 - 8 White Mediterranean flower (7-4)
 - 11 Lost interest (8,3)
 - **13** Disarray (11)
 - 18 Soft felt hat (6)
 - 19 Effervescing (7) 20 Retired title-holders (7)
 - **21** Windpipe (7)

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Gere'd for romance

BY ELLIE GENOWER

AFTER watching him sweep countless movie heroines off their feet in films such as Pretty Woman and An Officer And A Gentleman, it's a relief to find out that actor Richard Gere is a romantic in real life.

"I think all of us are romantic," he says. "We all have incredibly yearning hearts. I've never seen anyone who gave up on looking for love in my life – even my suicidal friends.
"We are all leaning towards love

in our own ways and I don't think that ever stops

Gere, who describes the most romantic place in the world as "anywhere my wife (actress Carey Lowell) is", stars in the new romantic drama Nights In Rodanthe, based on yet another best-selling book by tearjerking author of The Notebook, Nicholas

Sparks.
The film is his third appearance opposite actress Diane Lane. The pair worked together in 2002's critically acclaimed Unfaithful and Frances Ford Coppola's 1984 drama The Cotton Club. "What's funny is we don't actu-

ally talk to each other at all," admits Gere.

"We have almost no relationship outside of making movies. We talk to each other on the phone, maybe once or twice a year. And every 10 years or so, we'll make a movie.

"It's very intense and we're right in each other's space, hearts and minds. Then we move on, and 10 years later, we do it again. It's a peculiar relationship. Thank God we have wonderful marriages.



FAMILY FIRST: Incurable romantic Richard Gere with wife Carev Lowell

In the film Gere plays Dr Paul Flanner, a surgeon who is the only guest at a beachside inn in remote Rodanthe, North Carolina. He ends up falling for Adrienne, who is managing the inn to help out a friend for the weekend. A recently separated mother of two, Adrienne is still dealing with her husband's betraval and the recent

news that he wants to return home. One thing leads to another and the weekend in Rodanthe ends up being the couple's second chance at love. At 59, the actor is fortunate to have tackled many genres, from his famous romantic dramas, to Oscar-winning musical Chicago, and last year's ensemble indie hit I'm Not There.

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When someone makes me do it. and I look back through career, I see I've done lots of different types of movies I like," he says.

"But there's still quite a few I haven't done and maybe I'll get a shot at. It's the violent ones that I have no interest in whatsoever.

Even a film like The Jackal, which I was happy with my work in, had gone over the violent edge for me. I probably wouldn't do another movie like that again."

Like his character, Gere also found love second time round with his model-turned-actress wife Lowell.

They have one son, eight-yearold Homer, named after Gere's father. Despite the long hours and demands of the job, he says his family are his "priority".

"I have a very balanced life. It's not all about movies and it's not all about acting. This is a great job we have – an incredible job. I'm incredibly thankful for it and I acknowledge that every day. The kind of life that I've been able to live because of it. I don't overesti-mate in terms of what it means in the universe. We're living the dream, but we have to know that

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Efficiency drive will aid tenants

PRIVATE tenants could save up to £700 a year on energy bills if landlords installed straightforward energy-saving measures, according to a new study.

A UK-wide survey commissioned by the Energy Saving Trust – a body set up to help tackle climate change – reveals that in the South East more than 70 per

that in the South East more than 70 per cent of householders said they would try to drive down the price if the home they were trying to buy or rent had a poor energy efficiency rating.

The research also found that more than six out of ten respondents think landlords will pass on the cost of making their properties more energy efficient to the tenant, while eight in ten would think twice about renting from a landlord whose property had a poor Energy lord whose property had a poor Energy Performance Certificate rating.

From this month landlords are legally bound to show tenants the EPC score of

the property they are renting out. EPCs tell people how energy efficient a home is on a scale of A-G. The most effi-cient homes – which should have the lowest fuel bills – are in band A.

Chief executive Philip Sellwood said: "We know people are going to be looking to rent out places that are cheaper to run
– it's hardly rocket science.

"A three-bedroom semi could move from band F to C, saving a tenant £700 a year on energy bills, if the landlord installed straightforward energy saving measures, such as insulation.

"There is no good reason for landlords to pass the cost of upgrading a property to meet energy efficiency criteria."

Beckett's plans

NEW housing minister Margaret Beckett has outlined her main aims after her move into the position formerly held by Caroline Flint.

She said her priorities were to "help over-come the challenges in the housing mar-ket caused by global turbulence, while maintaining our focus on delivering the affordable homes needed to meet longerm demand"

Ms Beckett is also looking to help support households struggling with mortgage payments and those looking to get on to the housing ladder.

Much of the Government's housing development plans are centred on Kent, particularly around Ashford and along the Thames Estuary.

Planners say fluctuations in the economy were factored in when the proposals were first outlined and the current downturn will not alter construction plans

How to get a bigger house – even if the market is shrinking

BY NICK AMES

HOMEOWNERS in the South East are more likely to extend their property than those in any other region in the country, according to new research.

Findings from a report by home improve-ment specialist Extend-A-Room have revealed that more than a quarter of its 2008 sales to date came from counties in South East England – and Kent in particular.

Managing director Craig Miller says the lack of mortgage finance is preventing homeowners from taking the next step up the property ladder, prompting many to extend rather than

He said: "In the current economic climate homeowners who need more space, maybe to accommodate a growing family, are struggling to make the move to a bigger property.

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owners who have chosen to extend.

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Extend-A-Room has pioneered new technology which means its extensions do not require foundations – good news for homeowners who want a fast, cost-effective extension with min-

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Mr Miller said: "Adding an extension increases the value of your property and does not incur the legal fees, estate agency fees or stamp duty associated with moving house - an attractive prospect for homeowners, given the state of the market."

With the property market not expected to



ELBOW ROOM: With the property market feeling the economic chill, many homeowners are choosing to extend

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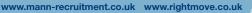
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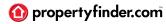
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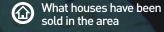


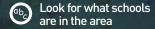






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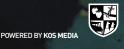


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Fiesta launch 'small car – big hurrah' campaign

FORD of Britain is staging its most ambitious and integrated marketing campaign ever to launch the Fiesta supermini this month.

Using everything from TV ads to online and direct mail, Ford is highlighting the newcomer's technical and environmental attributes as the market embraces 'downsizing'and cost-cutting.

embraces 'downsizing' and cost-cutting. Priced from £8,695 –£155 less than its outgoing equivalent – the Fiesta's ecofriendliness will be highlighted by the ultra-green diesel ECOnetic (from £11,845) next year, which averages 70+mpg and emits a road tax-exempt 98gm/km of CO2.



Vitara aiming to stand firm as sector buckles

SUZUKI'S Grand Vitara should resist declining interest in 4x4s better than most because here is a keenly priced SUV (sports utility vehicle) that really can go off-roading too.

Some 20 years on from the original Vitara, the latest generation also has a new refined 2.4-litre petrol-powered flagship also fitted with ESP (electronic stability programme), with the three-door version pitched as a sporty high spec offering with 17-inch alloys, rear privacy glass and in-dash six-CD system. Prices for new 2.4 models start at £14,499.



Renault lift for Laguna with a new Coupé star

AN elegant Renault Laguna Coupé arrives in January charged with glamorising a car clobbered by the faltering family car sector.

Like rival models, the latest Laguna hatch and Tourer have been hit by the stampede to MPVs, 4x4s and premium badge compact executive cars. The Coupé should pep up the Laguna's image sporting two new V6 powerplants as well as existing 2.0-litre petrol and diesel Laguna powerplants.



PERFECT FIT: The old Ibiza looked out of step with the edgy styling of the bigger Leon family hatch-cum-coupé and sporty Altea MPV series, but Seat have finally rectified that

Ibiza club set to grow with Seat's latest hit

SEAT has completed a stylish range overhaul.

It has been a dramatic transformation, underpinning the Spanish marque's 'Auto Emocion' marketing.

The piece of the jigsaw – ignoring the 'dead man walking' Alhambra MPV – is the all-new lbiza. The old car was fun, but looked out of step with the edgy styling of the bigger Leon family hatch-cum-coupé and sporty Altea MPV series.

But this new five-door - a three-door SportCoupé arrives shortly - fits the new regime perfectly.

Seat opted for a scaled up replacement in the style of other 'supersize' superminis like the Vauxhall Corsa, Peugeot 207 and Renault Clio – no doubt leaving room for a new city car to slot in later.

The result is relatively big and comfortable, with capacious boot, starting at just £8,995 – £300 less than the outgoing five-door. Trim levels have been streamlined to S, SE and Sport.

Most launch models fit road tax Band-C (£120/year), though don't rule out a punt later at Band-B (£35/year) and even A (free) when

ROAD TEST

■ BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	****
Image	****
Space	****
Value	****
Running costs	****
Reliability	****
Green rating	****

the greener Ecomotion arrives.

However, there is nothing exceptional about standard spec as tested here – you must trade up to SE to get air con and alloys thrown in. Sport versions (from £10,695) fit the bill though, with sports suspension and seats and arch-filling 16-inch alloys.

Seat offers affordable add-on packs for popu-

Seat offers affordable add-on packs for popular options too, though these undermine the boast that the new range opens at £300 less than its predecessor.

Nevertheless, strip the new car back to basics, as in our test, and you appreciate what a good car it is to drive, helped by a longish wheelbase and wide stance that also delivers a good ride.

Space between the axles aids cabin room too, but whether it is corporate bean counters or a Spanish preference for eye-catching exteriors, but I'm not bowled over by the interior design and materials and it may lack the 'flash' for younger buyers attracted by the exciting lines of the car.

The 1.2-litre three-cylinder petrol engine tested here and carried over from before also shows its age and lack of refinement and go.

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SMALL city cars are in big demand as the global warming debate heats up, fuel prices soar and Government policies make matters worse. No wonder that we are all re-thinking and asking "Just how much car do I really need?" For single users, couples and small families, the answer is something of a no-brainer when a small supermini – now popularly known as a city car or urban runabout – can return nearly 60mpg and falls into the lowest road tax bands. Here are three of the sector's cheapest used buys.

FORD KA



THOUGH it gets the chop in November, the Ka remains in demand new and used. None of the ageing engines allow it to qualify for the lowest road tax, but the quirky-looking three-door car is a no-nonsense affordable runabout and there are plenty on sale to choose from. If it has a fault, then it is styling that tends to attract women buyers — and put off the blokes — but it is a good drive, being based on a previous Fiesta.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	****
Looks and image	****
Space	****
Value	****
Running costs	****
Reliability	****
Quality	***

CHEVROLET MATIZ



INCH for inch, the Matiz was state-of-the-art in terms of five-door compact city car design when it arrived as a Daewoo in 1998. Early 800cc versions were pretty gutless and noisy, so go for the 1.0-litre engine if possible. Otherwise, the Matiz is a frugal and well-equipped easily-parked car for local driving and surprisingly spacious and versatile, with a comfortable ride. Aesthetically, the original Daewoo design is better than the later 'puffed up' Chevrolet facelift version.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	****
Looks and image	****
Space	****
Value	****
Running costs	****
Reliability	****
Quality	****

PERODUA KELISA



DO NOT look for cutting edge design or technology in this compact Malaysian-built five-door, but don't dismiss it either because it first saw life as the Daihatsu Cuore – a lesson in compact-ness, economy and reliability. The three-cylinder 1.0-litre petrol-powered Kelisa is reliable, cheap to run, great in town and fun to drive. However, it is not the funkiest small car and does have a fuddy-duddy customer base – but these are the people you want as previous owners of used cars.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	****
Looks and image	****
Space	****
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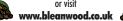
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Planning ahead for ageing population

EMPLOYMENT for older people will be at the heart of discussions during a halfday conference that will look at how an ageing population might change the working world.

Older people are looking at their options as a way of helping them plan financially for later life, while employers are finding advantages in bringing in experienced, knowledgeable employees.

The event, on Tuesday, October 28, follows a series of workshops in 2007 that looked at how to develop a strategy for older people in Kent.

It will be at the Village Hotel and Leisure Club, Maidstone. For more information, contact Mike Sherburn at KCC on 01622 694018, or email mike.sherburn@kent.gov.uk.

What's stopping you?

WOMEN interested in working for themselves, or who have started trading in the last 12 months, are invited to a free one-day event organised by Business Link

day event organised by Business Link.
This is the second year of the What's
Stopping You? event.

The group's Janice Sandwell said: "These are tough times so we want to support women who are thinking of starting a business or who recently started trading. We can offer advice and guidance on working for yourself."

The event, supported by the South East

The event, supported by the South East England Development Agency, includes four seminars.

It is on Thursday, November 6, at the Ramada Hotel, Maidstone, starting 9.30 am. For details, visit www.whatsstoppingyouevents.co.uk or call 01732 878007.

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Wayne Hemingway on the Thames Gateway at Construction Expo 2008

Taskforce will raise our Gateway profile

BY TONY PATEY

THE county's businesses are going to have a higher profile and bigger say in the massive £9 billion Thames Gateway project, one of the largest planned regenerations in Western Europe.

A dedicated taskforce has been set up by the regional chamber of commerce to monitor information, get involved with the roll-out of the project and reap commercial benefits from opportunities.

opportunities.
Rochester-based Thames Gateway Chamber of Commerce – which covers the whole project region – has launched the Regeneration and Renewal Group to get to grips with the project. Chief executive Tracey Manley said: "It is

Chief executive Tracey Manley said: "It is crucial that the business community has as much information as possible concerning current and future regeneration and renewal projects and has an opportunity to influence the decision-making process.

"The chamber strongly believes that businesses within the region should have opportunities to benefit from and get involved with these projects.

"The Gateway is a great place to invest, work and live and has huge potential.
"One of the biggest determining factors of

"One of the biggest determining factors of the success of the Gateway will be how regeneration and renewal projects are promoted and implemented.

"How these projects are carried out and their success will have a significant impact on the region's businesses and the individuals who live in, work in or visit the area."

Policies are already in place at central and regional government levels. For example, the Thames Gateway Partnership has identified Kent Thameside and Medway as strategic locations for resource allocation, and Swale and Sittingbourne have been identified as urban renewal areas.

And the news also comes in the wake of the launch of the joint economic development investment plan by the South East's three regional development agencies, including the



REGENERATION: A new taskforce will help local businesses make the most of Thames Gateway opportunities

South East England Development Agency (Seeda).

This gives a coherent, joined-up investment plan for the Thames Gateway project for the first time

The new group will be made up of companies already members of the chamber and will generate communication and discussion.

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Tasks will include collating up-to-date information from private and public sector bodies about regeneration projects in the region now and in the future, circulating it to local businesses, consulting on issues and voicing any concerns to landowners and public sector organisations.

organisations.

It will also create and run a regeneration

and renewal page on the chamber's website and organise regular events to discuss findings.

It also aims to meet project generation boards Swale Forward, Medway Renaissance and Kent Thameside to obtain information about current and future projects, and meet leading landowners, developers and businesses in the Gateway to identify major developments trends and issues

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The group is launching initial findings at an invitation-only event on Thursday, November 20. at Bluewater.

Various key sector speakers will set out what the Gateway will mean for local businesses and opportunities for tendering.





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County turn down McLaren's South Africa request



STAYING: Ryan McLaren is out of the South Africa squad due to his Kent contract

will have to honour his contract with the county after the club refused to

allow him to join up with the South Africa one-day team.

The 25-year-old South African signed a Kolpak deal with Kent earlier in the summer to keep him at the club for the next three years. The terms meant McLaren would not be able to play for South Africa, but would in time be permitted to play for England.

However, last week McLaren was picked by South Africa to play in limit-ed overs matches against Bangladesh and Kenya, leaving Kent in a dilemma. The player was apparently keen to realise his international ambitions, but

CRICKET

Kent issued a statement on Friday which ruled out any hope of McLaren playing for his country.

Chief executive Paul Millman said:

"Ryan has always recognised the commitment he has made to Kent cricket and whilst we know he is flattered by the approach from Cricket South Africa we are, of course, delighted he has acknowledged that his contractual commitments to the

club must stand."

After losing the one-day series against England this summer, South Africa are keen to blood some young-sters in their squad and coach McLaren after watching him for Kent this season.

The Proteas coach believes McLaren has the potential to feature for South

Africa in Test cricket.

He said: "I don't see him [McLaren] only as a one-day player. He could definitely also play a role in the Test

"I'm still not entirely happy with the four lower-order batsmen in our

Test squad. McLaren at number eight would definitely help."

The news he will be staying at Canterbury will help ease the blow of having recently lost Matt Walker and Neil Dexter to Essex and Middlesex respectively.

Hat-trick helps City remain unbeaten

LLOYD Norris-Jones scored a hattrick to keep Canterbury Men's hockey team the perfect record intact as they won away at Oxted.

The visitors were never behind in Surrey and went on to win 3-2, despite twice being pegged back by the home

Norris-Jones scored all three goals, one of which was a penalty, to give the side three league wins out of three.

They have a useful four-point lead at the top of the Conference East, ahead of Sunday's trip to Holcombe.

Canterbury Ladies drew their third

straight game, 4-4 against Slough Ladies on Saturday.

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Gills boss Mark Stimson reveals Andrew Crofts may leave at the end of the season

Crusaders into semis

KENT Crusaders booked their place in the semi-finals of the Patron's Cup with back-to-back victories against Northampton Neptunes and Colchester Hornets last weekend.

Robbie Parker top scored with 27 points on Saturday as the Neptunes were comfortably beaten 95-60 at the Body and Mind Leisure Centre in

A day later the Crusaders won 100-65 away to Colchester Hornets to guarantee top spot in Pool 1 with a game to spare. They will host the runners-up from Pool 2 in the last four in February.

This weekend they will look to pre-

serve their perfect record in the competition when they visit Plymouth Raiders.







DEFEAT: Whitstable striker Ian Pulman (left) holds off two players in Saturday's loss at Metropolitan Police. Loan signing Dan Dolton (right) made his debut in the game

Seager urges crowd to roar Oystermen to victory

WHITSTABLE Town manager Marc Seager is hoping for a big turnout at the Belmont on Saturday as his side aim to take another scalp in the FA Trophy.

After a poor start to the season, the Oystermen caused a shock by knocking out non-league giants Kingstonian in the previous round. Their 2-1 away win earned them the FA's Team of the Round' award and set up the first qualifying round tie with Brackley Town.

Their opponents from Northamptonshire play one tier above Whitstable, but Seager believes a vociferous home crowd could inspire his side to victory.

He told Yourcanterbury: "Hopefully the town

can get behind us and create a good atmosphere. I don't think they will know what to expect, they will look at our position in the league and then at the result at Kingstonian

and wonder what's going on.
"It's going to be difficult for us and we'll be the underdogs again like we were at Kingstonian. We will be up for the game and if we can play to our full potential we can beat anyone."

FOOTBALL

■ BY **DAVID PRITCHARD**

Metropolitan Police 4



Whitstable Town 1



The Town boss will certainly be looking for an

improvement from last Saturday's defeat at Metropolitan Police, which left the side in the

Ryman South's bottom three.
The visitors created several good chances going forward and with better finishing would have registered more than Jake Gess' second half penalty, but defensively they were poor. Seager said: "It was the worst defensive per-

formance I have seen in my entire playing and management career. We were absolutely shocking at the back, we didn't win a tackle or a header, we looked weak both mentally and physically.

Whitstable starting XI



Subs used: Thomas (Saver), Dolton (Munday), Parker (Tipple)

"It was a perfect time to play them because they had been going through a bad spell but if you play in a schoolboy manner you are going to get beaten."

Dan Dolton, on loan from Ramsgate, made his debut in the match, while Seager is look-ing to bring in a striker to cover for Dave Cory, who is out for at least a month with a torn calf muscle.

The Oystermen were hoping to improve before last night's match at home to Whyteleafe.

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Late late stunner keeps City on top

Canterbury City starting XI

FOOTBALL

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Canterbury City 3



Otford United 2

injury-time



CALUM McGeehan's sublime

Canterbury City's winning record

intact and consolidated their place

at the top of the Kent County

The highly-rated teenage midfielder's set piece was virtually the final action in a bad-

tempered game which saw the visitors finish

with nine men.
Otford began the better and took the lead

after only eight minutes when the referee decided Luke Lockhart had handled a shot

which appeared to strike his back. Mike Lampard converted from the spot. Both goalkeepers were outstanding, with

Otford's Jordan Busby particularly effective under pressure. City's Danny Black had to turn a full-blooded free-kick from Gavin Cullis

round the post but Busby was beaten when

blinded by the low sun as Michael Seagar's long throw came over. Luke Lockhart got his

Royston Gough got better service in the sec-

head to the ball to equalise.

League (Division 1 East).

free kick

ond half and put City ahead on 65 minutes. Last season's top scorer cleverly drew out the goalkeeper before driving low into the net.

Subs used: Fittall (Baker), McGeehan (Hossick), Bonneywell (Gough)

The hosts had a strong penalty appeal turned down before Otford were awarded one themselves, which Black dived to save.

With six minutes left, Jamie Knight hit a fine volley which looked set to earn Otford a point, but in a frantic finish the visitors were reduced to ten men before McGeehan struck his superb last minute free-kick.

In the final seconds the frustration of falling behind proved too much for one Otford player, who was also sent off.

Although City have played two more matches than their nearest rivals, their 100 per cent record from six matches gives Dave Fairclough's side a very useful nine-point lead.

This weekend the side take a break from league action to begin their campaign in the Les Leckie Cup. They will start as heavy favourites against Woodstock Park from Division 2 East.

City's ladies team have been fined and docked four points for fielding an ineligible



HARD WORK: Canterbury City needed a last-minute strike to preserve their perfect league record in a scrappy game

player in two league matches last month.

The team picked a player in games against Hassocks and Bognor Regis whose registration had not been confirmed due to an outstanding transfer document.

FOOTBALL



ON TARGET: Sean Bremner (centre) celebrates extending Herne Bay's lead against Tunbridge Wells

Bay bounce back to beat high-flying Wells

Tunbridge Wells O Herne Bay 4

HERNE Bay brushed off recent poor performances to shock high-flying Tunbridge Wells and romp to a superb victory, despite playing the majority of the match with ten men.

Stuart King saw red after just 13 min-utes, but goals from Luke Harvey, Sean Bremner, Danny Lawrence and Simon Brown gave Bay an unexpected but much-

needed victory.

After a dazzling start to the season which saw the team win their first four matches – scoring 15 goals in the process – Bay's campaign looked to be hitting the buffers as

they went seven games without a win.

A game away to a Wells side lying third in the table was hardly what the side needed, but from the kick-off the team looked refreshed. They worked hard to put pressure on the hosts and when they won the ball it was used intelligently.

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The good start paid off when they took the lead on 11 minutes. Luke Harvey gave a captain's performance throughout and fired in a low drive from 12 yards for his third goal of the season.

Just as Say appeared to have turned the corner, they suffered a major blow when King retaliated after being fouled to earn himself an early bath.

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The majority of the 118 at the Culverden Stadium would have expected the home side to take control of the game, but instead the dismissal galvanized the visitors.

Morgan put Ben Brown, returning on loan from Ramsgate, just behind Harvey and the youngster rose to the occasion with an excellent performance.

With the prolific Ross Cable unable to make an impact for the home side, Bay doubled their lead before the break. The versatile Bremner, playing in left midfield, arrived unmarked at the back post to head home Martin Chandler's free kick from an acute angle.

The break did little to alter the pattern of the game and goals from substitutes Lawrence and Simon Brown rounded off a

superb victory.
A first win since August lifted Bay up to fourth in the Kent League's Premier Division ahead of tonight's game against Hythe Town.

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City put up a brave fight but favourites prove too strong

RUGBY

Canterbury 28 London Scottish 43

DESPITE suffering a second home defeat of the season Canterbury took heart from a spirited performance against big-spending London Scottish.

City prevented a heavy defeat and for the second successive match earned a bonus point for scoring four tries.

for scoring four tries.

Scottish broke the bank this summer to bring in several players with Premiership experience and they are strong favourites for promotion from National 3 South this season.

They arrived at Merton Lane with a 100 per

cent record in the league and began in style to catch the home side off guard. In a breathless opening 15 minutes, Scottish played some superb rugby to sprint into a 19-0 lead.

A potentially huge scoreline looked a real

possibility but fly-half Dave Marshall was the architect of a fightback, creating two tries for Mike Melford which were converted to bring the deficit down to only five points.

The visitors scored another try to go in at the break 24-14 ahead, but Canterbury dominated the opening exchanges of the second half.

Yet their momentum was derailed when Cristoff Blom was yellow carded for a technical offence and Scottish exploited their man advantage to score two quick tries to put the result beyond doubt. Again the home side bounced back, with substitutes Ed Roach and Mark Livesey scoring tries to narrow the gap, but it was too late.

This Saturday, Canterbury host London 2 side Staines in the National Cup. Kick-off is at



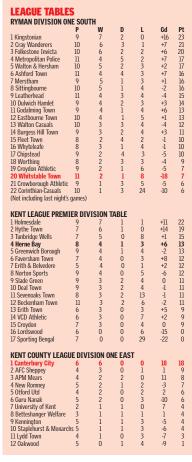
TOUGH: Canterbury's Benn Smith is tackled during Saturday's defeat against London Scottish

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